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FACING THE FACTS

With PHILIP PEARL

For five long years the American Federation of Labor has been forced to readjust itself in the labor movement. It did not seek civil war. It tried its utmost to prevent it but the bitter conflict was forced upon the American Federation of Labor.

Now it looks as though the war may be drawing to a close. The spirit of peace is in the air. Many of those who fought the battle against the American Federation of Labor have become disillusioned with their leader, and are ready to return to the fold. The American Federation of Labor is now in a position to face the facts of the situation.

It is, therefore, in the role of the victor that the American Federation of Labor is now in a position to face the facts of the situation. It is not seeking plunder, spoils or revenge.

A Victory For Principles

We, of the American Federation of Labor, know that ours is not a victory of individuals over individuals, of groups over groups, of unions over unions, but a victory of trade union principles over opportunism, of unity over division, of majority rule over anarchy, of democracy over dictatorship.

In this struggle we saw an opportunity for further warfare, but a glorious opportunity for healing the wounds, for conciliating differences, for cementing unity and for strengthening the present power, the future welfare and the reconstruction of the labor movement.

That we are confident, is the spirit in which the 60th annual convention of the American Federation of Labor will convene and act upon any emergency proposal that may be presented to it.

During the past five years many harsh words have been spoken. We have fought for that, and we are not ashamed of it. We are not ashamed of the fact that we have been able to bring about a change in the labor movement.

On to New Orleans

This circumstance is, to us, the most encouraging factor in the present situation. It is the fact that we are able to bring about a change in the labor movement.

We must not, however, be overly optimistic. While the leader of the CIO has promised to resign, he has not yet given any indication that he will do so.

But somehow we can't quite believe that this group will get away with it. We are confident that we will be able to bring about a change in the labor movement.

Our next step is to lead for the 60th annual convention of the American Federation of Labor at New Orleans with a great deal of confidence in future prospects. Our next report will come from there.

Liberal Labor Policy on Defense

Announced by U. S. War Department

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News Briefs

BUYING POWER BOOST URGED FOR LOW-INCOME FAMILIES

Washington, D. C.—Mr. Miles Perkins, Director of Marketing of the Department of Agriculture, estimates that "there are 80,000,000 persons in the Department of Agriculture who are on an average cash income of only \$20 a month for the whole family. They live on 60 per cent of their family's living on this small average monthly pitance lived before that much income for a minimum standard of living."

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For Spirit Prevails As Delegates Meet To Great AFL Convention In New Orleans

Department Concaves Pledge Defense Aid

New Orleans, La.—Reading the list of distinguished guests who will address the 60th annual convention of the American Federation of Labor in the Big Apple, it is not surprising that the list is so long.

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